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LETTER DATED 22 JANUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit the following message from His Excellency Mr. Eduardo dos Santos, President of Angola, and request that it be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Afonso VAN-DUNEM "MBINDA"
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 21 January 1993 from the President of Angola addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to address Your Excellency, on behalf of the Government of Angola, to request that the Security Council extend the mandate of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II (UNAVEM II), which expires on 30 January 1993, in order to ensure a full implementation of the Peace Accords for Angola.

I had the opportunity, on several occasions, to discuss with Your Excellency, directly or through your Special Representative, Mrs. Margaret Anstee, the essential points regarding the attributions of the mandate of that mission for the peacetime, post-election phase in Angola.

Unfortunately, the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA), represented by its leader, Mr. Jonas Savimbi, has not unequivocally accepted the results of the 29 and 30 September elections, which were considered to be free and fair by the United Nations, and has restarted the war with the intent to attain power through undemocratic means.

I trust that the escalation of military action across our national territory will justify the need to update the UNAVEM mandate and to reinforce its presence in Angola, in modalities to be agreed upon, so that it can continue to participate in the efforts of the Government and the international observers to re-establish the peace process and ensure compliance with the Bicesse Accords.

(Signed) Jose Eduardo DOS SANTOS